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TELEGRAMS.

(From Straits Times.)

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, January 2nd.

At the New Year's reception of Ambassadors at Rome, Vienna, and Paris, the opinion appeared unanimous that the peace of Europe is assured for this year.

(From the Courrier d'Haiphong.)

BOULANGER.

PARIS, December 27th.

The Society called "The Rights of Man and of the Citizen," an Anti-Boulangist league founded by MM. Rauc, Clémenceau and Joffrin, has accepted M. Vaquez's, or, in default, M. Pierre Baudin's candidature as Deputy for the Department of Seine.

December 28th.

The National Republican Committee, a Boulangist circle, has supported the candidature of General Boulanger for the Department of Seine, where a legislative election will take place on the 27th January.

ITALIAN AFFAIRS.

December 29th.

The Italian Minister of Finance has resigned, his portfolio being taken by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Public Works.

THE LEGION OF HONOUR.

December 31st.

Generals Cornat and Bressonet have been awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

January 1st.

The Senate has concluded the discussion on the Budget. The ordinary session of Parliament has been closed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE will be a game of Polo at Causeway Bay to-morrow, the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A VERY fair house witnessed the closing performance of "Iolanthe" by the Choral Society on Saturday evening. The representation was unanimously voted the best of the four productions.

The two men who a month ago endeavored to induce a joss-stick shop-keeper to join the guild of his craft by hitting him on the head with iron bars were to-day sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

ACCORDING to a Pahang correspondent the Punjom Company have now a large number of coolies employed at their gold mines and have started crushing day and night. This ought to be good news for the shareholders—if true.

JAI SINGH, P.C. 673, got very properly served this morning by Mr. Woodhouse. Just after dusk last night he stopped a married Chinaman in Hollywood Road and after making overtures to her touched her improperly. He was fined \$25, or six weeks' imprisonment.

The revenue collected for the past year under the Stamp Ordinance, etc., according to a return from the Acting Collector of Stamp Revenue, published in Saturday's Gazette, totaled \$205,041.01 as against \$184,991.36 collected in 1887, thus showing an increase of \$20,049.65.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Jan. 13th, are:—Europeans 192, Chinese 2,190; total, 2,382.

WE are informed by the agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Avia*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon to-morrow morning at 1 o'clock for this port.

A REPORT of the Amoy Races, held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last, will be found in another column. "An Old Sportsman," who was present, will have some gossip about racing in Amoy at the first opportunity.

CORPORAL Wallace, of the 91st, paid \$2 to-day for being hot tempered. He went to visit some lady friends in Graham Street early this morning, and the ladies objected, so he commenced a vigorous bombardment, and hit a constable in the mouth for interfering.

WE regret to have to record the death at the Government Civil Hospital of Mr. H. S. Bidwell, for many years a leading China hand, and probably the best race rider the Far East has yet seen. A short account of Mr. Bidwell's career is held over until to-morrow.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor has appointed provisionally, Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Registrar General, to be an official member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Lockhart, we believe, is the youngest officer that has yet held a seat in our local parliament.

THE gamblers suffered considerably this morning. Two principals were sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Woodhouse for keeping a fan-tan shop in Gilman's Bazaar, which Inspector Perry raided last night, and a barber got six months soon afterwards for running a Pak-kop-piu shop in Graham Street, contrary to the law and Sergeant Butlin.

THE China and Manila Co.'s steamer *Zafiro*, Capt. A. McCaslin, recently made the round trip between here and Amoy in time that will compare favourably with the best of our China coasters. She left here on Friday last and steamed to Amoy, against the monsoon, inside 23 hours, and on the return journey completed the distance in a shade over 22 hours, average for the round trip over 12 knots.

TWO married women in the village of Wong Ma Kok, near Stanley, got discussing the merits of their husbands on Saturday afternoon, but parted after a good deal of screaming and threatening. One of them was so upset she went to bed about six o'clock, and the other took advantage of this by going and setting the thatch of the hut on fire. Unluckily her victim awoke and rushed out, before she could get away, and next day she was arrested. Mr. Woodhouse remanded the case to-day, refusing bail.

THE following are the Orders of the Day for the meeting of the Sanitary Board, to be held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at 4.15 p.m.:

The Surveyor General, pursuant to notice, will move:—
1. That the Executive branch of the Sanitary Board be requested to prepare for the consideration of the Board draft instructions for the guidance of its Officers.
2. That the Committee appointed to consider the Bye-Laws under Sub-section 6 of Section 13 of "The Public Health Ordinance, 1887," be discharged, and that the Executive branch of the Sanitary Board be called upon to submit for the consideration of the Board a set of draft Bye-Laws under this Sub-section.

AT five o'clock this afternoon a twin-screw cruiser built for the Imperial Maritime Customs was launched from the Kowloon Dock, in the presence of Mr. F. A. Morgan, Commissioner of Customs, and a number of officials. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Morgan. The vessel was named the *Lung Ting*, and is the first of the kind built at Kowloon. She is 119 ft. long, 18 ft. beam, 8 ft. deep, and draws 5 ft. when ready for sea. She is fitted with triple extension direct action cylinders, surface condensing, 7 1/2, 11 1/2, and 20 1/2 diameter, 12 inch stroke, her indicated horse power being 260. Her two boilers are of steel, of the multitubular cylindrical pattern and measure 6 ft. 6 in. by 8 ft. 9 in.

THE *Straits Times* of the 3rd inst., has the following:—"The steamer *Ranee* (which was taken possession of on the last day of the year by Messrs. Mansfield & Co.) sails to-day to North Borneo on her maiden trip under the 'blue funnel' flag. She takes 120 Sikhs who were hastily recruited in Singapore by Messrs. A. L. Johnston & Co. to serve against the natives in the present North Borneo difficulties. Among her other passengers are Mr. T. S. Kennedy (a brother of the Hon. Mr. Kennedy) who goes to take up the management of the Sungai Kayah Planting Company, the new Tobacco Company recently started by Messrs. Abrahamson & Co. There is also among the passengers Miss Daly, daughter of Mrs. Dominic Daly.

The ceremony of 'trooping the colours' was performed by the Argyll and Sutherlandshire Regiment this afternoon in the presence of H.E. General Cameron and staff, and a large number of spectators. The men—nearly 900 all told—were drawn up in line punctually at four, and after some preliminary manual exercises three stalwart Highlanders advanced to the lower side guarding the colours. For about a quarter of an hour the band paraded the ground, the pipes and trumpets alternately playing fixed airs. A Company then advanced with fixed bayonets, and the lieutenant in charge after saluting the flag, advanced and took possession of it. The Company, headed by the band, then advanced between the lines, the colour bearer halting in the centre. After a few evolutions in company order, performed to stirring Scottish airs, the Regiment, marched past, advanced in review order, and marched back to their quarters. The effect was really splendid, and was much enjoyed by the onlookers. The fine physique of the men, whose movements were almost mechanical in their regularity, their picturesque dress, and the novel character of their evolutions, contributed to form a striking and interesting spectacle.

A VERY successful Race Ball was held at the Amoy Club on the evening of Friday last. It was numerously attended, and dancing was kept up with great spirit until an early hour on Saturday morning.

ON the evening of the 8th inst., a Chinawoman, the wife of Ismail, a Police Court interpreter, was in a 'ricksha' near Murray Barracks when someone came behind, lifted the hood, of the vehicle, and snatched her earrings, which were worth \$100. Yesterday a bricklayer tried to pawn the pearls which were in them, and was arrested. This morning at the Police Court he was committed to gaol for six months.

THE *Courier d'Haiphong* of the 6th inst. publishes some correspondence from Monky, in which a detailed account is given of the skirmishes the French forces had with the native rebels on the 28th and 30th December last. The enemy attacked in great force the French military stations, and after a great deal of fighting, succeeded in capturing a blockhouse. A French sergeant and several men were killed during the conflict, which showed no signs of abating on the 1st inst.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to the Singapore *Free Press* under date December 15th states:—"It is reported from Punjom that the *Sri Pakang*, the Punjom Company's stern wheeler, has foundered in deep water near Kwaia Lapar, 10 hours steam from Pekan. This is a serious loss both for the Company and the public as it will upset all the mail arrangements with the Pekans. Possibly now the Resident's mails will be sent by runners along the sandy beach to Endau and thence through Johore to Singapore. The Resident has not reached Punjom, though he was expected there on the 20th inst.; it will be a serious disappointment to the people in the Ulu should the loss of the *Sri Pakang* prevent the Resident paying his anxiously awaited visit."

THE *Rising Sun* reports that the British steamer *Victoria* arrived at Nagasaki on the 31st December and had to be docked to have her bottom examined, owing to having touched some unknown danger whilst on the voyage up. This accident, says our contemporary, is the more to be regretted as the *Victoria* was only just out of dock in Hongkong, where she had sustained some slight damage by touching a rock whilst at anchor in harbour, and had, in addition, been docked at Nagasaki for printing, etc. the voyage previously. Capt. Colbourn, with whom all who know him will sincerely sympathise in his misfortunes, has given the following report:—"The steamer *Victoria* left Hongkong on the 16th ult., in ballast, drawing 12 ft. 6 in. aft, and 12 ft. forward. Experienced good North-easterly breeze, with light sea. Anchored under South Lamma Island on the morning of the 20th. At 7 a.m. on the 21st, the wind having somewhat moderated, but a strong sea with rolling, left the anchorage and proceeded. At 10 a.m. while passing between High Cape and Triangle Yeh, the steamer struck some hard substance, but did not lose any headway. The vessel was thrown on her side, and the water came in. The crew of the island posted there in a few minutes, and according to the latest Admiralty chart of 1888, with a correction up to 1887, there was nothing less than a 40-ton rock at the time of the collision, which was quarter flood, and the water was 10 ft. deep. We found the rock some 100 yards from the shore, and it was a large, smooth, rounded rock, about 10 ft. high, and 10 ft. wide. It was a very hard substance, and the steamer struck it with a great deal of force. The vessel was thrown on her side, and the water came in. The crew of the island posted there in a few minutes, and according to the latest Admiralty chart of 1888, with a correction up to 1887, there was nothing less than a 40-ton rock at the time of the collision, which was quarter flood, and the water was 10 ft. deep. 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Piccadilly jumped off with the lead, and after making the whole of the running won cleverly from Herald by a length and a half, with Rosy Morn a good third. Time 1 min. 41 secs.

NANTAI CUP, (Presented), value \$100, for Amoy Subscription Grifins of this season; weights as per scale; to be ridden by residents of Amoy, Foochow or Formosa; riders who have never had a winning mount to be allowed 5lbs.; entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Mate's gr. Mainstay, 11st. 1lb.....Mr. Marshall 1
Mr. Commodore Light's gr. Sunrise, 10st. 12lb. (car. 11st. 7lb.).....Mr. Harding 2
Mr. Pothunter's gr. Nomad, 10st. 9lb.....Mr. Oswald 3
Mr. McThorn's gr. St. Ronan, 10st. 12lb.....Mr. Harger 0

Mainstay, who was backed against the field at even odds, was sent to the front immediately the flag fell, and galloping over his opponents the entire journey won easily from Sunrise by two lengths, the same distance separating second and third. Time 2 min. 34 secs.

AMOV STAKES, of \$10 each; a forced entry for all Ponies entered at this meeting; First Pony to receive 70 per cent., Second Pony 20 per cent.; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Bruce's gr. Blue Ruin, 11st. 4lb.....Mr. Marshall 1
Mr. It Ho's ch. Fantan, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Maclean 2
Mr. Xiy's bl. Outlaw, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Hutchings 3
Commodore Light's ch. Rosy Morn, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Cooper 0

Betting—5 to 4 on Blue Ruin. Outlaw, with the favorite in close attendance, made play at a fast pace, Rosy Morn lying third and Fantan tailing off a dozen lengths in the first half mile. Outlaw held his own for three parts of the distance and then dropped back, leaving Blue Ruin to steam away by himself, the others at this stage being hard ridden. Neering the wall Fantan, who had gradually made up his lost ground, got on terms with the leader, and in coming round the bend for home held a length's lead and looked all over a winner. In the straight, however, Blue Ruin came again, and after a rattling set-to from inside the distance got up in the last stride and won by a short head. Outlaw was a bad third. Time 2 min. 501 secs.

THIRD DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY.
Glorious weather again favored race-goers, and the attendance, as usual on the "Ladies Day," was larger than on the two preceding ones. Only three racers came to the post for the Formosa Cup, Outlaw probably having the call amongst speculators over Piccadilly (7lb. ex.) and Herald. Mr. Paul's discarded fifteen hundred taeler, although far into the sere and yellow leaf, has still a dash of his old speed, and twisting round the turns like an eel he won easily at finish from Outlaw, the rider of Herald having previously come to grief when looking all over a winner. The Ledger Cup proved one of those upsets so frequently found in Chinese racing. There were only three starters and one of these, Silvery Dawn, with owner up, not only carried 12lb. overweight but had been out of training for a fortnight owing to a sprained back tendon. Consequently odds of two to one were laid on Mainstay, although it was known that Silvery Dawn could stay the mile and a half and was of far superior class. The result was a runaway victory for the lame "un, who made the whole of the running and won in a canter. Mr. Harding's victory being received with great enthusiasm. Blue Ruin was greatly fancied for the Ladies Purse, but only managed to pull through after a very tight fight with Piccadilly, the Foochow pony, Chop Dollar, finishing a capital third. The successful jockey was, after weighing in, escorted to the Grand Stand where Mrs. Graham presented the coveted trophy in a very neat speech, to which Mr. Marshall appropriately replied. The Lottery Cup was easily won by Fantan, Mr. Maclean up, and the same rider successfully steered Cheviot for the Consolation, St. Ronan for the Nil Desperandum, and Gridiron in the Champions, the victory of the last named over Blue Ruin in the principal event of the meeting being entirely due to superior jockeyship. Races for riding boys and maidens respectively, and a scramble for sailors and mariners brought a capital meeting to a satisfactory termination. The Stewards were well up to their work. Mr. W. Christy was most successful with the starter's flag, and Mr. E. F. Bennett's decisions, although close finishes predominated, were never once called in question. Mr. T. W. Wright, who acted on the *fortiter in re* principle, was an admirable Clerk of the Course, whilst the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. H. E. Wadman) proved ubiquitous in the performance of his multifarious duties. There was certainly room for some improvement in the weighing room department, and it would be much better if a Clerk of the Scales were appointed instead of leaving the important functions of this post to any Steward who happened to be on the spot. A new board, clearly showing the names and numbers of the starters, and the riders, is also badly needed.

Details of the day's racing are appended:—
FORMOSA CUP, (Presented), value \$50, for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners of any Race at this meeting 7lbs. extra, of two or more Races 10lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

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Mr. Bruce's gr. Blue Ruin, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Marshall 1
Mr. August's gr. Piccadilly, 11st. 7lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.).....Mr. Maclean 1
Mr. Camera's sp. Chop Dollar, 10st. 12lb. (car. 11st. 1lb.).....Mr. Harding 2
Commodore Light's ch. Rosy Morn, 10st. 12lb. (car. 11st. 12lb.).....Mr. Harding 0

Betting—3 to 1 on Blue Ruin. The favorite had the w. of the start, Piccadilly, next the rails, showing the way to Chop Dollar and Rosy Morn. After passing the Stand Mr. Marshall commenced to draw up and before reaching the wall had got on terms, the quartette at this point being close together. Coming down the ascent to the straight, Piccadilly, favored by the inside position, again drew to the front, but once in the line for home Blue Ruin came with a tremendous rush and overhauled his opponent a few strides from the chair, won by a head; Chop Dollar was a good third. Time 1 min. 19 secs.

LOTTERY CUP, value \$50, for Amoy Subscription Grifins; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 5lbs. extra for each race won; entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. It Ho's ch. Fantan, 11st. 1lb. (incl. 10lb. ex.).....Mr. Maclean 1
Mr. Pothunter's br. Bedouin, 10st. 9lb. (car. 11st. 2lb.).....Mr. Hutchings 3
Mr. Bruce's gr. Sir Gruesome, 11st. 6lb. (incl. 5lb. ex.).....Mr. Marshall 3
Commodore Light's gr. Sunrise, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Cooper 0

Betting—5 to 4 on Fantan. After one false start the lot were sent away on even terms, Fantan being the first to show in front with Sunrise in close attendance, the other pair lying off. After going a mile in these positions Mr. Cooper on Sunrise broke one of his stirrup leathers and came to grief—luckily without hurting himself. Fantan held the lead all the way round from the half mile post, and easily stalling off Mr. Hutchings' mile rush on Bedouin won comfortably by a length. Sir Gruesome, who pulled double until past the wall, finishing a bad third. Time 2 min. 541 secs.

CONSOLATION CUP, value \$100, Second Pony \$50; for all beaten Ponies that have run and not won a race at this meeting; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Graham's wh. Cheviot, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Maclean 1
Major Bagstock's gr. Herald, 10st. 12lb. (car. 11st. 1lb.).....Mr. Oswald 2
Commodore Light's ch. Rosy Morn, 10st. 12lb. (car. 11st. 1lb.).....Mr. Cooper 3

Cheviot, on whom odds of 6 to 4 were freely laid, made the whole of the running and, as Mr. Oswald was all abroad in finishing on "the Major's" old pony, the Tientsin cast-off landed cleverly by a length and a quarter, Rosy Morn being beaten off. Time 2 min. 151 secs.

CHAMPION STAKES, a forced entry of \$10 each for all winners at this meeting except Nil Desperandum Stakes, winners of two races \$15 extra, of more than two races \$30 extra; optional entry for non-winners \$5; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Graham's gr. Gridiron, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Maclean 1
Mr. Bruce's gr. Blue Ruin, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Marshall 2
Commodore Light's gr. Silvery Dawn, 11st. 1lb. (car. 11st. 7lb.).....Mr. Harding 3
Mr. It Ho's ch. Fantan, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Wadman 0
Capt. Archer's gr. Norman, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Harger 0

Blue Ruin was backed at even odds against the field, but the betting was very trifling. Gridiron, on the extreme outside, had considerably the best of a struggling start, and making every use of this advantage Mr. Maclean had the best position, on the rails, before going fifty yards for the first round Gridiron, whose jockey was busy from the fall of the flag, held a lead of about two lengths of the favorite Silvery Dawn lying third, very close up, and Fantan and Norman, both of which were outpaced at first, bringing up the rear. On the far side, second time round, Blue Ruin raced alongside Gridiron, they passed the Stand well ahead of Silvery Dawn, who was gradually dropping back to the other pair. Blue Ruin ran wide, and consequently lost ground, in turning out of the straight, but was again on terms before reaching the wall, and appeared to be pulling double over his opponent, the race being now confined to these two. Making the descent Mr. Maclean's vigorous riding drove Cheviot to the fore, and although Blue Ruin finished little as a lion his pilot could render him but little assistance, the result being a lucky three quarters of a length victory for the outsider, Silvery Dawn gaining third place, just in front of Norman and Fantan, who raced home neck and neck. Time 2 min. 49 secs.

Nil Desperandum Stakes, of \$5 each with \$50 added; Second Pony \$25; for all beaten Amoy Subscription Grifins of this season that have run and not won a race at this meeting; weights as per scale. Once round and a distance.

Mr. McThorn's gr. St. Ronan, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 1
Commodore Light's gr. Sunrise, 10st. 12lb. (car. 11st. 7lb.).....Mr. Harding 2
Mr. Pothunter's gr. Nomad, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hutchings 3

Odds of 6 to 4 were laid on Nomad. St. Ronan jumped away as soon as the flag fell, and Mr. Maclean making every post the winning post, had both his opponents settled a long way from home and won by a dozen lengths from Sunrise; Nomad was pulled up opposite the Stand. Time 1 min. 20 secs.

RIDING BOYS RACE.
Mr. Graham's wh. Cheviot.....Sin-qui 1
Mr. Mate's gr. Mainstay.....John Leong 2
Mr. It Ho's ch. Fantan.....The Mouse 3
Mr. Pothunter's br. Bedouin.....Lin Lin 0

Cheviot, capably piloted by Sin-qui, made all the running and won in a canter from Mainstay, with Fantan a fair third.

MAFOOS RACE.
Mr. Bruce's gr. Sir Gruesome.....Pat Ah 1
Mr. August's gr. Piccadilly.....Sing 2
Mr. Pothunter's gr. Nomad.....Sing 3
Mr. Pothunter's gr. Zingaro.....Chun Lan 0
Commodore Light's ch. Rosy Morn.....King 0

This event proved a Waterloo on a small scale to the aspiring mafios, three of them coming to grief, leaving Nomad and Zingaro quickly got leading a dozen lengths, landed Mr. "King" clear over the rails. By sitting quite still on Sir Gruesome, Pat Ah had all the best of the fly-fisher on Piccadilly, and won easily.

CANTON.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
Canton, 12th January, 1889.

On the 10th inst., the official seals will be locked up for the New Year vacation, but not before some important notable concessions are granted by the Viceroy, all of which, however, will carry with them material augmentation of the Provincial Treasury contributions. Not the least insignificant of these will be the licensing of a certain number of Steam Launches to facilitate communications with the Interior and distant parts of the province. This concession cannot but prove of the greatest benefit to the

community at large and to trade generally. It has taken His Excellency some time to make up his mind on this matter and so far as I am aware, but one Consul, that is, the British, has considered it within the scope of his authorities to impress upon the Viceroy the advantages of encouraging such a means of transport. It must therefore afford Mr. Chaloner Alabaster peculiar gratification to find that his views have had so much weight and been so promptly carried out.

The Grand Buxing scheme is still the staple talk. It is apparent H.E. has been "frazzled" by the glittering bait of Tls. 800,000 which the native promoters hold out to him as an addition to the revenue besides adding lustre to his regime in beautifying the city. Now that all the Foreign loans raised through the exigencies of the war with France are in a fair way of being paid off, it is clear His Excellency is endeavouring to so arrange the finances of the Province as to do without the Gambling concessions of the Vising and Pao-pu, which latter game is to be introduced by order of the Peking Government to meet the Yellow River requirements. In connection with the granting of this new Gambling concession Chang-chih-tung is reported to have given expression to lofty sentiments as noble as that which emanated from the Emperor Tao-kuang in regard to Opium. His Excellency is reported to have said that he would rather have died sooner than authorize the Vising concession under ordinary circumstances, but the exigencies of the situation on account of an unexpected war forced it upon him, and now the calls and orders from Peking are so peremptory in regard to the impending famine in the North, and the urgent difficulty that Compulsions him to act against his will and opinions. These sentiments, if true, must raise Chang-chih-tung in the estimation of every right-thinking man, and one can only deplore the short-sighted policy which forces the adoption of a demoralizing legislation, when by a Foreign loan and other means the ends could be achieved without an irreparable injury being ultimately done to this province.

A change has taken place in the French Consular arrangements; the Viscount de Bezaure becomes Consul for France in Hongkong, pending the opening of the northern river, when it is most probable he will succeed to a more diplomatic post near the capital, where his intimate friendship with Li Hsun-chang will be of value to the great French interests in the north. Under such circumstances the regret felt at losing so courteous and estimable a gentleman from our midst, must yield to the pleasure at the appreciation shown by the Government of France of Monsieur de Bezaure's long record of services. It is likewise with pleasure that we receive the intelligence that M. Imbault-Huier will not proceed to his frontier post, but will continue in office here as M. Bezaure's successor.

An impending riot on the Fa-ti shore opposite Shamien, has been scotched for the time being by the good sense of the principal land owners in the neighborhood, who, one day connected with him, endeavored to utilize the whole fore-shore below Fa-ti for the storage of timber, and so block off the ingress and egress to and from the Docks which have been established there for over half a century. The shipwrights and neighbours were disposed to give full rein to their wrongs, when fortunately the land owner came to his senses. In this case the proprietor had not even the legal right on his side, as he was appropriating the riverine rights, which belong to the Emperor alone. I have thought this event worth recording as showing how the Chinese themselves by their own stupid and oppressive acts encourage disturbances of the nature.

The new year settlements do not appear to be looked at with much anxiety. On the whole if the business of the year has been one free from any violent oscillations, and may be taken as one not below the average.

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An agent of the Forestry Department, Mr. Farris, has reached the conclusion that the rings on trees are not an accurate record of the ages of the trees. Farris has found twelve rings in trees only six years old, five in those eight years old, and eleven in those of only five years.

To detect the leakage of gas, Dr. Bunte, in the *Canadian Magazine of Science*, suggests the use of paper dipped in palladium chloride solution. Such paper changes its color in the presence of gas coming from leaks imperceptible by the odor, and which produce no effect upon the earth covering the pipes.

A Boston genius has been estimating the candle-power of the Moon. By comparison with an electric lamp of 400 candle-power at a certain distance he finds the light of the Moon to be 14,000,000,000,000,000. This he calculates is about the number of candles, placed one-half inch apart, it would take to cover one-half the surface of the Moon.

A correspondent of the *English Merchant* says: "I once asked a foreman in a well-known bell foundry whether putting silver in a melting pot was of advantage. He replied, of great advantage—to the founder, as the silver sinks to the bottom; the founder pours off the copper and tin and when the silver has cooled puts it in his pocket."

According to recent experiments strychnine undoubtedly neutralizes the intoxicating and narcotic effects of alcohol; it enables large

quantities of alcohol to be taken for a considerable stretch of time without causing the usual organic lesions which follow the use of alcohol alone. Therapeutically, strychnine should be used in all forms of alcoholism; it may be regarded as a powerful prophylactic against alcoholism.

A recent important discovery consists of a method of producing perfectly pure hot air from the direct combustion of coal. It is supposed that the completeness of the consumption of the coal is due to the decomposition of the water contained in it, the oxygen decomposing and purifying the products of the coal. The saving from complete combustion of the coal will be enormous, while the ventilation-question will be solved in the most satisfactory way.

Basswood is capable of being enormously compressed, but if after being subjected to great pressure it is exposed to the action of steam it entirely regains its original bulk. It is said that advantage is taken of this in the production of so-called carved moldings. The "carved" pattern is stamped by dies deep into the wood, the surface of which is then planed down to the level of the lowest depression. If now the wood be steamed the parts originally depressed will regain original bulk, and will, therefore, form in relief the pattern of the dies.

Copper pipes are now made by electro-deposition from sulphate of copper solution. The pipe is formed on an iron core in the depositing bath and the deposited copper is pressed by a moving tool as it is deposited, so as to give a fibrous strength to the crystalline copper. After the pipe is thus formed it is subjected to hot steam, which expands the copper shell or pipe clear off the iron core, thus separating the two. These pipes have no joint and are said to be very strong, tests showing that they break with strains of from twenty-seven to fortyone tons per square inch.

Prematurely born and abnormally delicate infants are now supplied with artificial mothers of more than motherly tenderness. The apparatus, identical with the incubator or artificial hen for hatching chickens, is simply a large square box warmed by bowls of water beneath the inner bottom. In this warmed space, in cotton, is placed the weak babe, so frail during its first few days that the open air would fatally chill it. With an even open temperature and a free circulation of warm air, secure from cold and dampness, and with careful feeding, the infant thrives and rapidly acquires health.

An Austrian engineer has, it is said, designed a truck to be run before every railway train, being maintained always at a fixed (but adjustable) distance in front by the force of an electric current transmitted along the metals from a dynamo on the engine. The current is conducted in glass tubes on the pilot truck. If therefore, the truck comes into collision the tubes are broken and the contact necessarily destroyed. The interruption of the current instantly and automatically applies the brakes on the following train. It is claimed by the inventor that two expresses, fitted with this system, might with impunity be set to run full tilt at each other. The collision of both pilot trucks would arrest the progress of both trains before they could meet.

FOOD for Consumptives.—Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda is a most wonderful food for the Consumptive. It not only gives strength and increases the flesh, but hinders the irritation of the throat and lungs. It is very palatable; children take it like milk, and in all wasting diseases both for adults and children it is a marvelous food and medicine. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—*Advt.*

A workman in the Carson Mint has discovered that drill points, heated to a cherry red and tempered by being driven into a bar of lead, will bore through the hardest steel or plate glass without perceptibly blunting.

The omnipresent microbe has been detected in boils. This discovery shows that the method of poulticing is wrong, as the heat and moisture aid the development of the microbe. An antiseptic treatment is best.

Sulfonal is the name of a new hypnotic used to produce sleep. The average dose in the beginning is fifteen grains, which may be gradually increased to sixty grains. It promises to be especially useful in the treatment of mental disorders.

Dr. W. A. McCorn of the New York City Asylum for the Insane has found hyoscyamine, subcutaneously administered, a very useful remedy in quieting mania, and attended with less unpleasant symptoms than are chloral or the bromides.

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Wellington was a member of his club—passed over in him.
Everybody went to Crookford's. Everybody played there. That a young fellow just in the possession of a great estate should drop a few thousands in a single night's play was not considered a thing worthy of remark. They all did it. We remember how 'Disraeli's' Young Duke went on playing cards all night and all next day—was it not all the next night as well?—all he and his companions were up to their knees in cards and the man who was waiting on them was fain to lie down and sleep for half an hour. The passion for gambling—it is one of those other senses outside the five old elementary endowments—possessed everybody. Cards played a far more important part in life than they do now; the evening rubber was played in every quiet house; the club card-tables were always crowded; for many youth there were the fiercer joys of lansquenet, leo, vingt-et-un and ecarte; for the domestic circle there were the whist-table and the round of games, such as Pope Joan, commerce, speculation, and I know not what—all for money, and all depending for their interest on the hope of winning and the fear of losing. Family gambling is gone. If a genteel suburban villa one was to propose a round game and call for the Pope Joan board, there would be a smile of wonder and pity. As well ask for a glass of negus or call for the Caledonians at a dance.

Scandals there were, of course. Men gambled away the whole of their estates; they loaded their property with burdens in a single night which would keep their children and grand-children poor. They grew desperate, and became hawks on the lookout for pigeons; they cheated at the card-table and the famous case of Lord De Ros is this very year; they were always being detected and expelled, and so could no more show their faces at any place where gentlemen congregated; and sank from Crookford's to the cheaper hells, such as the cribs where the tradesmen used to gamble, those frequented by city clerks, by gentlemen's servants, and even those of the low French and Italians.

They were illegal cribs, and informers were always getting money by causing the proprietors to be indicted. It was said of Thurltel, after he had offered to murder eight Irishmen, who had informed against these hells, for the consideration of £40 a head. When they were suffered to proceed, however, the proprietors always made their fortunes. No doubt their descendants are now country gentry, and the green cloth has long since been folded up and put away in the lumber-room with the rake and the croupier's green shade and his chair, and

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—170 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$99 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$76 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$345 per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$80 per share, sales and sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 36 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$225 per share, buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—168 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. div. sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$66 per share, buyers.
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$195 per share, sellers.
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$84 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$101 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2 1/2 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$85 per share, buyers.
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
 Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$7 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—75 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—250 per cent. premium, nominal.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$60 per share, buyers.
 The Songei Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$35 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. premium, sellers.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. div. nominal.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$58 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/01
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/01
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/01
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 ON PARIS.—
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/76
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/94
 ON INDIA.—
 On Demand 222
 ON SHANGHAI.—
 Bank, T. T. 72
 Private, 30 days' sight 721

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul.....\$680
 (Allowance, Tails 4 to 32).
 OLD MALWA, per picul.....\$690
 (Allowance, Tails 10 to 32).
 NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest.....\$584
 NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest.....\$598
 NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest.....\$575
 NEW BENGAL (without choice) per chest.....\$577
 NEW BENGAL (bottom) per chest.....\$550
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul.....\$550
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul.....\$500
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul.....\$475

EXPORT CARGO.

Per *Abyssinia*, str., for Yokohama.—150 bales Yarn, and 151 packages Merchandise.
 For Vancouver—500 bags Rice, and 856 packages Merchandise.
 For Victoria—684 bags Rice, and 819 packages Merchandise.
 For San Francisco—1,000 bags Rice, and 1,607 packages Merchandise.
 For Portland—3,353 bags Rice, 1,199 bales Hemp, 1 case Silks, 400 bales Gunies, and 383 packages Merchandise.
 For Seattle—1,040 bags Rice, 177 packages Merchandise, and 1 case Silks.
 For Boston—25 packages Merchandise.
 For New York—123 packages Merchandise.

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STATION.	Barometer reduced and level at sea.	Thermom- eter. Fah- ren- heit.	Humidity.	Wind.		Weather.	Sight line.
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Windsvecock	30.48	81	8	N	1	b	...
Tokio	30.68	71	8	NW	1
Nagasaki	30.68	71	8	N	1
Shanghai	30.37	41	68	N	3	E	...
Amoy	30.10	57	84	SE	3	G	...
Hongkong	30.06	64	84	N	3	G	...
Swatow	30.06	64	84	N	3	G	...
Belawan	30.07	81	85	NW	1	b	...
Manila	30.07	83	85	W	1